

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICE OF MATERIALS AND RESEARCH

Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) 17—Bituminous Acceptance of Miscellaneous Construction Items

I. General

As an aid to construction and maintenance personnel, the [Office of Materials and Research](#) maintains a [Qualified Products Manual](#). This Standard Operating Procedure provides guidelines to establish Qualified Products for use with miscellaneous construction items and governs the following [Qualified Products Lists \(QPL\)](#) which are included in this manual:

QPL	Item
QPL 26	Heat Stable Anti-Stripping Additives
QPL 39	Asphalt Releasing Agents
QPL 41	Hydrated Lime
QPL 65	Emulsified Latex
QPL 67	Non Chlorinated Asphalt Extractants
QPL 77	Fiber Stabilizing Additives
QPL 81	Mineral Fillers

Products that appear on these lists have been evaluated by the [Office of Materials and Research](#) and have proven their capability of meeting the appropriate Georgia Department of Transportation Specification. Any of these products may be used without sampling or pre-testing provided the field engineer determines the product is uncontaminated and undamaged. However, products normally shipped as packaged units such as epoxy adhesives, special surface coatings for concrete surfaces, etc., may not be used if the units have been partially expended prior to arrival on the project. The field engineer must ascertain that the construction item is the same material identified on the appropriate [Qualified Products List](#) and will acknowledge receipt of these items in the project diary or as required by the Construction Manual.

It shall be the responsibility of the State Bituminous Construction Engineer to monitor products covered by SOP17—Bituminous. The [Office of Materials and Research](#) will update the [Qualified Products Manual](#) a minimum of every twelve months. Representatives from the [Office of Materials and Research](#), at unscheduled times, may visit the producer's plant or warehouse or construction or maintenance projects to obtain random samples of items covered by this SOP. Products that consistently produce test results that significantly vary from those established by the manufacturer and verified by the [Office of Materials and Research](#) will be removed from the [Qualified Products Manual](#). Products that meet the current requirements of the Specifications but do not perform satisfactorily in the field will be removed from the [Qualified Products Manual](#). Products that meet current requirements of the Specifications but were not submitted for annual evaluation upon request by the Department will be removed from the [Qualified Products Manual](#). Removal from the Manual will prohibit the use of the product in Department of Transportation work until the acceptability of the product is re-established. Products that have not been used in Georgia Department of Transportation Construction or Maintenance work for a period of twelve months will, at the Department's discretion, be removed from the [Qualified Products Manual](#). The Department reserves the right to limit the number of products for each type material from any manufacturer.

The Department may reject any product deemed by the State Materials and research Engineer to be hazardous to personnel in handling and testing.

II. Requirements

A. Manufacturers and Producers

Manufacturers and Producers must adhere to the following requirements:

Samples may be submitted for Initial Evaluation at any time. Products covered by SOP 17, currently approved by the Department and listed in the Department's [Qualified Products Manual](#) must be submitted for Annual Evaluation. Annual samples must be submitted in accordance with SOP 17 to the [Office of Materials and Research](#) before June 1 of each year.

When submitting a sample, the [Office of Materials and Research](#) requires the following:

A Product Evaluation Form (attached) must be submitted for initial and annual evaluation, listing each sample submitted for evaluation.

A Materials Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) and a Warranty letter, as described in [Section II-C](#), must be submitted with each sample for initial and annual evaluation.

A Production Quality Control Plan for each product must be submitted for the initial evaluation or upon request.

The sample and required documentation should be sent to the following address:

**Georgia Department of Transportation
Office of Materials and Research
15 Kennedy Drive
Forest Park, GA 30297-2599
Attn: Bituminous Special Projects Coordinator, Room 211**

B. Independent Lab Evaluation

Test results from a private lab are required on some items before the [Office of Materials and Research](#) will begin its evaluation. As a matter of information, any available test results, product data sheets, MSDS, and independent lab evaluation and certification should be furnished when submitting a product for initial evaluation.

C. Annual Warranty

The manufacturer or producer must submit an annual warranty for each product before being added to the [Qualified Products Manual](#). The warranty shall be submitted on company letterhead and contain the following: Appropriate QPL warranty statement from [Section III](#) through [Section IX](#) followed by the additional statement below, signed by a person legally responsible to bind the company, and notarized.

The following additional warranty shall be included as the latter part of every warranty:

“We further warrant that material furnished to State of Georgia projects will be replaced without cost to the purchaser and State of Georgia when found not in conformity with any of the specified requirements. We accept full responsibility for determining the governing Specification for each order, provided we are given notice of revised Specifications, and we warrant that the material currently being furnished is identical in formulation, composition, and properties as the material originally submitted for source approval.”

D. Identification of Products

Brand name, type, or lot or batch number, date of manufacture, and any other pertinent information must identify submitted products. The manufacturer will be expected to conduct sufficient tests and maintain product control records to verify that production is adequate to assure Specification compliance. It will be required that the manufacturer notifies the [Office of Materials and Research](#) of any change in formulation or composition of any of their products in the [Qualified Products Manual](#) and submit samples for re-evaluation.

E. Company Product Labels

Product labels must be unique to the company wishing to list its products in the [Qualified Products Manual](#); therefore, companies will not be allowed to list product labels other than their own. The Department will not evaluate or list the same-labeled product in the [Qualified Products Lists](#) for multiple distributors, manufacturers, or producers.

F. Initial or Annual Evaluation Submittals

Submittal of products for Initial Evaluation or Annual Evaluation must be in accordance with this Standard Operating Procedure. The Department will not evaluate any improperly submitted products.

III. [\(QPL 26\)](#) Heat Stable Anti-Stripping Additives

Heat Stable Anti-Stripping Additives shall meet the current requirements of Section 831 of the Georgia Department of Transportation Specifications.

A. Sample Requirements

1 pint (473 ml) of each type

B. Warranty Letter:

“This is to warrant that the product (Product Trade Name) as manufactured and sold by (Company Name) is a Liquid Anti-Stripping Additive meeting the current requirements of Section 831 of the Georgia Department of Transportation Specifications. This material shall be manufactured under strict formulation and quality control. Changes of formulation will constitute a new product which will be submitted for approval under a new product name.”

“(Company Name) agrees to abide by and cooperate with the Georgia Department of Transportation’s control procedures as established in the Standard Operating Procedure for Monitoring the Quality of Bituminous Mixtures (SOP 2).”

“This certificate of guarantee supersedes all previous certificates and shall remain in effect as long as this company continues to furnish material to or for Georgia Department of Transportation construction or maintenance projects under the privileges of the Approved List of Suppliers of Anti-Strip Additives for use in Asphaltic Concrete [\(QPL 26\)](#).”

Include remainder of Warranty from Section [II-C](#).

IV. [\(QPL 39\)](#) Asphalt Releasing Agents

Asphalt Releasing Agents shall not be detrimental to the Asphaltic Concrete Mixture meeting the requirements of Section 400 of the Georgia Department of Transportation Specifications.

A. Sample Requirements

1 quart (946 ml) of each type.

B. Warranty Letter:

“This is to warrant that the product (Product Trade Name) as manufactured and sold by (Company Name) is an Asphalt Releasing Agent which meets the current requirements of the Georgia Department of Transportation Specifications in that it is not detrimental to Asphaltic Concrete Mixtures.”

Include remainder of Warranty from [Section II-C](#).

V. [\(QPL 41\)](#) Hydrated Lime

Hydrated Lime used as an ingredient in Asphaltic Concrete or any other construction item shall meet the current requirements of Section 882 of the Georgia Department of Transportation Specifications. This Specification requires that the materials meet AASHTO M303, Type I (high calcium).

A. Sample Requirements

Minimum of 3 lbs (1.4 kg)

B. Warranty Letter:

“This is to warrant that the Hydrated Lime manufactured and sold by (Company Name / Location) meets the current requirements of AASHTO M 303, Type I.”

Include remainder of Warranty from [Section II-C](#).

VI. [\(QPL 65\)](#) Emulsified Latex

Emulsified Latex for modifying Asphalt Cement used in Hot Mix Asphaltic Concrete paving mixtures shall meet the current requirements of Section 409 of the Georgia Department of Transportation Specifications. Emulsified Latex for modifying Asphalt Cement used in surface treatment shall meet the requirements of Section 424 of the Georgia Department of Transportation Specifications.

A. Sample Requirements

1 gal (3.8 L).

B. Warranty Letter

“This is to warrant that the product (Product Trade Name) as manufactured and sold by (Company Name) is an Emulsified Latex meeting the current requirements of Sections 409 and 424 of the Georgia Department of Transportation Specifications.”

Include remainder of Warranty from [Section II-C](#).

VII. (QPL 67) Non Chlorinated Asphalt Extractants

Non chlorinated asphalt extractants shall be able to remove asphalt from bituminous mixes.

A. Sample Requirements

½ gal (1.9 L).

B. Warranty Letter

“This is to warrant that the product (Product Trade Name) as manufactured and sold by (Company Name) is a Non Chlorinated Asphalt Extractant which is able to remove asphalt from bituminous mixes.”

Include remainder of Warranty from [Section II-C](#).

VIII. (QPL 77) Fiber Stabilizing Additives

Fiber Stabilizing Additives are generally used to stabilize the asphalt film surrounding aggregate particles in order to reduce drain-down of the asphalt cement and to enhance mix properties. Fiber Stabilizing Additives shall meet the current requirements of [Section 819](#) of the Georgia Department of Transportation Specifications.

A. Sample Requirements

1 lb (454 g) of each type

B. Warranty Letter:

“This is to warrant that the product (Product Trade Name) as manufactured and sold by (Company Name) is a Fiber Stabilizing Additive satisfying the current requirements of [Section 819](#) of the Georgia Department of Transportation Specifications.”

Include remainder of Warranty from [Section II-C](#).

IX. (QPL 81) Mineral Fillers

Mineral Fillers added as a separate ingredient for use in bituminous paving mixtures shall consist of finely divided mineral matter such as rock dust, slag dust, hydraulic cement, fly ash, or other suitable matter. Mineral Fillers shall meet the current requirements of Section 883 of the Georgia Department of Transportation Specifications.

A. Sample Requirements

One pound (454 grams) of each type

B. Warranty Letter

“This is to warrant that the product (Product Trade Name) as manufactured and sold by (Company Name) is a Mineral Filler which meets the current requirements of Section 883 of the Georgia Department of Transportation Specifications.”

Include remainder of Warranty from [Section II-C](#).

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